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SUBJECT: DRAFT AMENDMENT TO U.S.-PANAMANIAN FMD AGREEMENT

1. EMBASSY, IN COOPERATION WITH DR. REA, IS REQUESTED
TO SUGGEST TO MIDA THAT CHANGES LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 3
BELOW BE MADE IN THE DRAFT AMENDMENT DISCUSSED BETWEEN
U.S. AND MIDA OFFICIALS ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1973 AND
INDICATE THAT WITH THESE CHANGES PROPOSED AMENDMENT HAS
CONCURRENCE OF USG.

2. ASSUMING THAT THESE CHANGES ARE ACCEPTABLE TO MIDA,
EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO DISCUSS WITH MIDA OFFICIALS THEIR
VIEWS ON WHAT NEXT STEP SHOULD BE IN FORMALIZING THE
AMENDMENT. ARTICLE 15 OF EXISTING FMD AGREEMENT
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PROVIDES FOR AMENDMENT BY AN EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE

BETWEEN THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK OF PANAMA AND THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE U.S., OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, CONFIRMED BY AN EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. WHILE USDA IS PREPARED TO INITIATE EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE NOW, IT MAY BE PREFERABLE TO AWAIT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BY PANAMA'S FOREIGN MINISTRY OR EVEN TO HAVE MIDA INITIATE THE EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE. THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON THIS WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. IN SEPTEMBER 19-20 MEETING, MIDA OFFICIALS EXPRESSED URGENCY OF IMPLEMENTING STRENGTHENED FMD MEASURES AND WE WISH TO PROCEED IN THE MOST PROMPT FASHION.

3. THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE DRAFT TEXT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. PAGE 1. LAST SENTENCE OF INTRODUCTION. CHANGE TO:

"...CONTINUE THE EXISTING COOPERATIVE FMD PROGRAM ELSEWHERE IN PANAMA." ITEM A. CHANGE TO: "A. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION. THE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE LISTED IN THE AGREEMENT WILL BE CONTINUED IN THE DARIEN PROVINCE AND THE COMARCA DE SAN BLAS UNDER THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION. IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES WILL BE CARRIED OUT:". THE PURPOSE OF THESE TWO CHANGES IS TO CLARIFY RESPONSIBILITIES. OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONCEPT AGREED UPON DURING THE MEETING WITH MIDA IS THAT THE COMMISSION WILL BE IN CHARGE OF ALL TECHNICAL FMD ACTIVITIES IN THE DARIEN AND COMARCA DE SAN BLAS. THE GOP AND/OR OIRSA WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIVITIES ELSEWHERE IN PANAMA. THE THREE EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMISSION STATIONED OUTSIDE THE DARIEN/COMARCA DE SAN BLAS AREA WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIVITIES LISTED IN THE EXISTING AGREEMENT, BUT RATHER WILL WATCH FOR THE PRESENCE OF FMD AND CARRY ON CERTAIN OTHER SPECIALIZED ACTIVITIES UNDER THE COMMISSION'S DIRECTION.

B. PAGE 3. CHANGE LINE 1 TO READ "COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF LIVESTOCK WILL BE PROHIBITED BY THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA IN THIS ZONE..."

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C. PAGE 4. ITEM B1. LINE 5. CHANGE TO "...WILL PROVIDE A VETERINARIAN TO BE ASSIGNED..."

D. PAGE 5. ITEM C1. FIRST LINE. INSERT "SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS" BETWEEN USDA AND WILL. DELETE THIS PHRASE FROM THE END OF LAST SENTENCE IN THIS ITEM.

E. PAGE 5. ITEM C1. SECOND SENTENCE. INSERT 10 PERCENT

AS THE MIDA SHARE OF FINANCING AND 90 PERCENT AS THE USDA SHARE.

F. PAGE 5. FIRST LINE OF ITEM C2 SHOULD READ "2. THE USDA HEREBY MAKES AVAILABLE DOLS. 700,000 FOR THE ...".

G. PAGE 5 ITEM C.1. IN FIRST LINE, DELETE WORDS "TO THE PROGRAM."

H. PAGE 5. ITEM C3 SHOULD READ "3. PRIOR TO ANY DISBURS-
MENTS OF FUNDS BY MIDA OR USDA, MIDA AND THE USDA WILL HAVE
AGREED, IN WRITING, ON A WORK PLAN AND A BUDGET FOR CAPITAL
AND OPERATING COSTS FOR THE FIRST YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

PRIOR TO DISBURSEMENTS BY MIDA OR USDA FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT
YEAR...".

I. PAGE 6. ITEM D2. LINE 3. CHANGE TO "...BOOKS AND
RECORDS RELATING TO ALL ITS ACTIVITIES."

J. PAGE 7. FIRST LINE. CHANGE TO "...THE COMMISSION'S
ACTIVITIES." KISSINGER

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